

**April 28, 2004**

**MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting**

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Bob Warren filled in for Mike Sharp by opened the meeting with introductions. After introductions, the group went through the agenda items. After the agenda was covered, the group went through the new business from MCA.

**NEW BUSINESS F/ MDT**

1. **Bid Files.** MDT informed MCA that the Bid Files are now available and if the contractors have any questions they can contact Contract Plans.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Qualified Products List.** MDT informed MCA that this is currently on hold until a new Materials Engineer is appointed. MDT will give more updates as progress is made.
2. **Addenda Process.** MDT informed MCA that there will be a meeting in June to discuss issues such as moving the deadline for questions back to Friday before the letting with the answer deadline on the following Monday. MDT stated that all deadlines would stay consistent until the meeting takes places. This will be left on the agenda until further progress is made.
3. **Final Inspection and Acceptance.** MDT is pushing the specifications through legal before they go on to the Commission. Upon getting the Commission's approval, these specifications should be implemented in a timely manner. MDT will give updates at the next meeting.
4. **Claims Specification.** MDT stated that it would be issuing a Construction Memo to better clarify the point at which the clock starts in the Claim process. MDT informed MCA that the only time the disagreement escalates to the actual claim is when there is an impasse on the disagreement. MCA feels that the construction memo will suffice so there is not open interpretation of the spec. by contractors or project managers.
5. **Electronic Bidding.** No progress has been made on this agenda item. Updates will be given in the future as progress is made.
6. **Waterborne Paint.** MDT explained that all retroreflectivity was pulled out of the proposed supplemental specification and is going to be covered in the special provision for epoxy that was distributed for comment along with the pavement markings supplemental specs. MCA felt unsure about the changes because of the fact that the specifications seemed to be working well historically. MCA suggested forming a committee to review the changes and to help work out the issues from both the contractors and MDT personnel. MDT agreed with this suggestion and will nominate members to this committee before the next meeting.
7. **Seal Coat Warranty Guide.** MDT is currently considering the comments submitted by contractors. MDT stressed that this Warranty Guide and specification will not be active immediately. MDT felt that it would be active by the end of the summer at the earliest. More updates will be given as MDT makes progress.

**NEW BUSINESS MCA**

1. **Traffic Control Committee.** MCA suggested reconvening the Traffic Control Committee to work out some concerns. MCA had laid out some guidelines when lump sum should be used and when traffic control should be paid by the unit. MCA suggested that if there is a lump sum bid, there should be a Traffic Control Plan included. MDT agreed that the Traffic Control Committee should reconvene to help alleviate these concerns.
2. **New Oil.** MCA informed MDT that they have been contacted by oil refineries that have supposedly found a way to meet the present oil specifications using acids and leaving out SBS polymers. MCA explained that an acid is reacted with the asphalt and combined with a plastic that will meet the ductility requirements of the state's specifications for oil. MCA felt

that the new oil would not meet the elastic recovery of the SBS polymer asphalt. MDT felt the new oil might have a tough time meeting the Hamburg test for pavement. MCA suggested specifying a minimum SBS polymer within the state's specifications so this new oil will not find it's way into projects in Montana. MDT will look into MCA's concerns.

The next meeting will be **May 26, 2004**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the **MCA Office**.

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